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Washington's July 1, 2006 Winter Wheat Forecasted Production Falls from Last Month

OLYMPIA, Wash. July 12, 2006 -- Based on July 1, 2006 conditions, **winter wheat** production in Washington is expected to reach 120.6 million bushels, unchanged from 2005. Average yields fell 1 bushel per acre from the June 1 forecast but are unchanged from the State's 2005 average. Harvested acreage, at 1,800,000 acres is also unchanged from last year. Harvest is yet to begin in most areas although warm temperatures during the latter part of June accelerated crop development.

Spring wheat production was estimated at 22.8 million bushels, 22 percent above last year. The yield, based on July 1 conditions, was 50.0 bushels per acre, 6 bushels above last year. Harvested acreage was estimated at 455,000 acres, 30,000 acres above 2005. Moisture conditions during seeding were generally improved from last year.

Barley production was estimated at 12.3 million bushels, 2 percent below last year. The yield per acre, at 63 bushels per acre, was 2 bushels above 2005.

Total wheat production of the Pacific Northwest, including Washington, Oregon and Idaho, was pegged at 283.4 million bushels, a decrease of 3 percent from 2005. An 8 percent increase in spring wheat production was not enough to offset a 5 percent drop in winter wheat production. Chris Messer, Director of the National Agricultural Statistics' Washington Field Office added "despite a slight drop in winter wheat production from last month, winter wheat looks very good this year and spring wheat production is improved from last year".

Estimates of winter wheat and barley planted by varieties for 2006 were issued Monday, July 10. Copies of the variety reports are available on our web page or upon request. The next production estimates for wheat and barley will be published August 11, 2006.

Wheat & Barley: Area Harvested, Yield, & Production, 2005-2006, July 1

Crop	Washington						Pacific NW 1/		United States	
	Harvested		Yield		Production		Production		Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
	1,000 Acres		Bushels		1,000 Bushels					
Wheat:										
Winter	1,800	1,800	67	67	120,600	120,600	234,610	222,040	1,499,129	1,280,005
Spring	425	455	44	50	18,700	22,750	57,080	61,390	504,456	465,261
Barley	205	195	61	63	12,505	12,285	66,730	61,020	211,896	189,647

1/ Includes Oregon, Idaho, and Washington.

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http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Washington/Publications/Current_News_Releases/wwhtjuly.pdf

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Winter Wheat Harvested Acreage, Yield, and Production, 2004-2006

State	Acres Harvested		Yield			Production		
	2005	2006	2005	June 2006	July 2006	2004	2005	2006
	Acres		Bushels			1,000 Bushels		
Washington	1,800	1,800	67.0	68.0	67.0	117,250	120,600	120,600
Oregon	780	760	61.0	55.0	55.0	47,580	47,580	41,800
Idaho	730	710	91.0	86.0	84.0	63,000	66,430	59,640
Pacific NW	3,310	3,270	70.9	68.9	67.9	227,830	234,610	222,040
Kansas	9,500	9,400	40.0	31.0	32.0	314,500	380,000	300,800
Oklahoma	4,000	3,100	32.0	22.0	23.0	164,500	128,000	71,300
Montana	2,100	1,950	45.0	39.0	40.0	66,830	94,500	78,000
Colorado	2,200	2,000	24.0	23.0	21.0	45,900	52,800	42,000
Texas	3,000	1,400	32.0	25.0	25.0	108,500	96,000	35,000
Nebraska	1,760	1,650	39.0	34.0	34.0	61,050	68,640	56,100
Ohio	830	1,010	71.0	68.0	68.0	55,180	58,930	68,680
10 States	26,700	23,780	41.7	36.4	36.8	1,044,290	1,113,480	873,920
U.S. Total	33,794	31,108	44.4	40.5	41.1	1,499,434	1,499,129	1,280,005

Wheat: Production by Class, United States, 2001-2006 1/ 2/

Year	Winter					Spring					
	Hard Red	Soft Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Hard Red	Hard White 2/	Soft White 2/	All White	Durum	Total
	1,000 Bushels										
2001	765,898	397,098			190,123	475,085			35,693	83,556	1,947,453
2002	620,328	320,968			195,705	351,439			37,478	79,960	1,605,878
2003	1,070,996	380,435			265,290	499,674			31,728	96,637	2,344,760
2004	856,211	380,305			262,918	525,467			43,451	89,893	2,158,245
2005	929,820	309,021	25,279	235,009	260,288	466,587	4,530	33,339	37,869	101,105	2,104,690
2006	660,208	374,520	19,871	225,406	245,277	425,055	4,774	35,432	40,206	60,370	1,805,636

1/ Wheat class estimates are based on the latest available data including both survey and administrative data. The previous end-of-season class percentages are used throughout the forecast season for States that do not have survey or administrative data available.

2/ Individual Hard White and Soft White estimates not available prior to 2005.

Winter Wheat: Heads per Square Foot 1/, Selected States, 2001-2006

State & Month		2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006 2/
		Number					
CO	July	34.2	35.9	38.9	32.8	44.1	34.6
	Final	33.9	35.6	38.4	32.1	44.2	2/
KS	July	39.7	41.7	50.4	41.2	47.8	39.9
	Final	39.7	41.7	50.6	41.4	47.8	2/
MT	July	25.6	36.3	44.5	40.2	48.7	42.1
	Final	25.2	34.3	42.9	40.4	48.9	2/
OK	July	32.5	40.2	46.8	40.5	39.4	31.7
	Final	32.5	40.2	46.8	40.5	39.4	2/
TX	July	33.4	34.2	36.3	31.7	32.4	29.1
	Final	33.4	34.2	36.3	31.7	32.5	2/
WA	July	37.3	37.8	37.2	36.4	39.3	38.5
	Final	36.8	37.8	36.6	36.7	39.8	2/

1/ Based on the number of heads counted in plots selected for the objective yield survey.

2/ Final head counts will be published in the "Small Grains 2005 Summary" in September 2006.